

Chairperson: Carlessia Hussein
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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 25, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Sheri Lewis, Kevin Carlson Deborah Rivkin, Paul Nagy, Bob Sheesley, Darryl Burnett, and Sue Song

Members Excused: Gary Stewart

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest:

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up	
Welcome and Introductions	Carlessia Hussein opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.		
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept March minutes.	The motion to accept the March 28, 2017 minutes was approved unanimously.	
New Business	<p><u>ESSENCE (Power Point Presentation)</u></p> <p>Electronic Surveillance System for Early Notification of Community-based Epidemics (ESSENCE), created by Hopkins APL, is a system that collects data to detect an event as early as possible by seeing increases in symptoms in the community. Twenty-five (25) state and local entities participate in the system. In addition, at the federal level, the VA, DOD and CDC also use the system. DHMH, the National Capital Region and local Maryland jurisdictions use the system. The system is flexible. Can be monitored daily (as Montgomery Co does), and can be monitored during special events (eg, inauguration, Boston Bombing). The system collects data on symptoms and is disease agnostic. The system collects different data points and has many features, so searching is robust (cross tables, pivot tables, free text search, etc). Symptoms presented a hospital ED, to school absenteeism are included in the system. DHMH is starting to use the system to examine Opioid Data including non-fatal overdoses. Governor's office is very interested in the system.</p> <p>2017 Legislation – bills passed with PH interest Bill Passed: A list of HB was distributed to members to review. Dr. Rossman provided a summary of the notable bills passed.</p>		

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Old Business	<p>Health Officer Report:</p> <p>Opioids: The Governor declared a State of Emergency on Opioids.</p> <p>Opioids crisis have intensified in 26 jurisdictions including Annapolis and Ocean City. Opioids use has increased steadily.</p> <p>A question was raised about any resolution on the challenges of data sharing with regard to Opioid Response. Currently, no. LHD receive delayed data from the State. Police can share data with us and are working with our Peer Recovery Staff. EMS data remains a challenge as they have been advised by legal counsel not to share identifiable data. There have been additional conversations occurring with State AG and locals. When/if it is resolved, all data points will feed into a local database. Then we should be able to produce data reports.</p> <p>We did not receive a grant to expand Opioid Fatality Review to families. There is the potential for additional money from the State who has committed \$50 million over five years.</p> <p>More to come on this.</p>		
Other Business	<p>Suggested topics for next meeting will be: BH Integration. CRISP (Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients) a health information exchange system will be discussed in June.</p> <p>Next BOH meeting scheduled for May 23, 2017</p>		
Chairperson's Report	N/A		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>		

Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045